GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRODUCTION OF UREA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ureaoutput falls short of target" appearing the Indian Express dated April 19, 2000;

(b) If so, the facts reported therein;

(c) the extent to which the output of Urea has fallen short of the targets as on January, 2000 as compared to the corresponding year;

(d) the main reasons for such short fall; and

(e) The steps being taken by the Government to achieve the production target of Urea?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to (e): Urea production in January 2000 was 16.81 lakh MTs against the target of 18.37 lakh MTs. The shortfall of 1.56 lakh MTs was on account of Officers strike in ONGC/GAIL which led to complete stoppage of supply of gas. The production of urea in the corresponding month of last year was 16.25 lakh MTs. The cumulative production of urea from April 1999 to January 2000 was higher than the target by 0.6 per cent and that of corresponding period of last year by 3.6 per cent.